

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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~~TOP SECRET~~

1. USSR - Sputnik XIX

We are fairly sure that the satellite launched by the Soviets Saturday, though unmanned, is part of their manned space flight program. Indications are they will attempt to recover it on Friday and that their next manned space flight will occur shortly thereafter.

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2. Indonesia

a. Barring an unexpected last-minute hitch, it looks as though Ambassador Bunker's long efforts will meet with success. Subandrio has agreed, subject to likely approval from Sukarno, to 1 May 1963 as the date on which UN administration over West New Guinea will be turned over to Indonesia. We expect the Dutch will go along as well. An arrangement for flying the Indonesian flag alongside the UN flag beginning on 1 January will probably meet Sukarno's need for something to crow about during next month's national day.

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3. Algeria

a. We place little confidence in the confused and often conflicting reporting coming out of Algeria this weekend.

b. Ben Bella apparently has chosen to back down a bit rather than risk overplaying his hand by forcing his way into Algiers. With his forces short on supplies and not eager for a fight, he is still trying to talk his way in. 50X1

4. India-China

India will continue its policy of occupying border areas claimed but not actually held by the Chinese despite the recent rash of incidents in the Ladakh area. 50X1

New Delhi has publicly denied reports that Khrushchev sent a letter to Nehru urging that the border question be settled.

NOTES

- A. the Shah's current efforts to mediate the Pakistan-Afghanistan dispute are going very well. 50X1
- B. Souphannouvong, still evasive about releasing US prisoners, may attempt to trade them for a US pledge to refrain from supplying the Meos. He has indicated only that an effort is being made and we might expect some action by the end of the week.
- C. The Dominican Republic's governing seven-man Council of State is split and may fall apart. It has been weakened and rendered largely ineffectual by the personal ambitions of several members who, we suspect, would just as soon it failed so they could succeed it in power.

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